

REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 37, line 7
(after "08/865,489" add "(now USP 5,871,600)")

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Referring to FIGURE 2, there is illustrated a first embodiment of the invention incorporating a runflat radial ply tire 10 as described in the above specification but having ones of its radial plies 30,40 reinforced with essentially inextensible fibers or cords made of metal such as steel, as disclosed in the Application Serial No. 08/865,489 (now USP 5,871,600) and in which the aspect ratio of the tire can be low or high or intermediate between the maximum and minimum values of aspect ratios, i.e. between about 30 percent and about 80 percent for runflat passenger tires. Such an embodiment would have potential for runflat use in high-performance sports type vehicles or light trucks.

After page 42 (at the end of the "claims"), please ADD the following paragraph, on a separate sheet.

ABSTRACT

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A pneumatic radial ply passenger tire having a tread, a carcass with two sidewalls, two or more radial plies, two annular beads, a belt structure located radially between the tread and the radial ply structure, and a fabric underlay deployed between the carcass and the belt structure. The underlay contains circumferentially aligned high-modulus fibers or cords which, in combination with metal belt structure, induces compressive prestresses in the belt structure, thereby increasing the rigidity of the belt structure and overlying tread. In particular, fabric underlay induces increased resistance of the tread to upward buckling of its center during runflat operation, and also retards the formation of standing waves in the tread and sidewalls during normal-inflated high-speed operation.

DRAWINGS

A red-lined marked up FIGURE 3 is enclosed. The reference numeral "60" is changed to "62".

REMARKS

This is in response to an Office Action dated 4/24/2002.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application, and are rejected.

Abstract

The Examiner notes the lack of an Abstract. An Abstract on a separate sheet is required.

An Abstract on a separate sheet is provided herewith.

Informalities

The Examiner notes a typographical error at page 15, line 22.

Applicant has made the correction, as well as updating the information to include the issued US patent number. See also the correction at page 37.